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1. In January 1953, the Tientsin Municipal Air-Defense Command decided to increase air-defense protection within the Tientsin area and authorized the following measures in accordance with their decision:
 - a. Residents of Tientsin were to be formed into alarm, first aid, fire prevention and contamination prevention teams for participation in air defense exercises scheduled for 16 and 17 January. The city's public security sub-stations were to organize these teams on the basis of street blocks.
 - b. Construction of underground shelters was to be undertaken at the Tientsin Railway Station and at other stations along the Tientsin-Peiping railway line.
 - c. Trains traveling from Tientsin to Peiping and Shanhaikuan (N 44-00, E 119-44) were to be camouflaged.¹
 - d. One anti-aircraft battalion was to be stationed in Chungshan (0022/1472) Park.²
 - e. The Medical Practitioners' Association was to establish semi-permanent medical stations in selected districts.

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2. In early March, radar facilities had been installed in Tientsin, Tak'u (N 38-59, E 117-41),³ and at Hsinkang (2450/3263), a new harbor in the Takuk'ou (N 39- , E 117-) area.

25X1 1. Comment: As of mid-January, the locomotives were camouflaged. It was not known whether or not the camouflage would be retained after the exercises.

25X1 2. Comment. This battalion arrived in Tientsin on approximately 10 January. In mid-January, the battalion had eight guns, which were visible to pedestrians. It was probable that the personnel and the weapons of the battalion would be transferred to the suburbs of Tientsin following the exercises.

25X1 3. Comment. In mid-March 1953 a radar apparatus sweeping in an arc from the southeast to the northeast in a seaward direction, was located one half mile southwest of North Mound in Taku, according to available information.

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